

Bordentown, N.J., Jan. 25, 1858.

SIR:—

I take the liberty of writing to request your kind co-operation in a matter of public interest.

Having resided some time in the West Indies, in the capacity of United States Consul for the Colony of British Guiana, and having carefully observed the workings of the **English Emancipation Act**, I am prepared to communicate the results of my observations to the public. My official position gave me free access to all sources of information, and I lost no opportunity to obtain all the facts as they really are.

These facts I am desirous of communicating in a manner that I hope will be interesting and useful to our people of all sects and parties.

Any assistance you may have it in your power to render, will be gratefully acknowledged by

Yours, respectfully,

Chas. W. Davis

To

*William Lloyd Garrison, {
Boston, {
Mass. }*

(Over.)

(Private.)

My Old Friend Garrison;

You will probably be surprised but I hope not displeased on receiving this letter from me. I address you as an 'old friend'; for such I regard you - and always shall. -

As far as it may be in your power, I should be glad of your coöperation in my present Anti-Slavery movement.

For the last seventeen years I have been lost, apparently; but I assure you it was only apparently; for, under various guises, I have worked sincerely and ardently for the emancipation of the slave.

On the question of the morality of slavery there is no medium ground between you and the slaveholder. As to the questions of the ministry, the church and the union, time will soon show how far you are right and how much wrong. My mind is much affected in regard to them by recent events; but, thus far,

It has seemed to be my duty to remain
-ain in the ministry on account of
its influence for good; in the church
that I might aid in purifying it; in
the union that the union may be
made free. - The moment I am
convinced of the unsoundness of these
positions I will abandon them, and
resume my stand by your side. -
One thing is certain. If you are right
you are all right; and, in that case,
I desire to be with you.

What I have written is in the
confidence of old and tried friendship.
As much I leave it in your heart, and shall
be happy to hear from you, at any time.

Fraternally,
C. W. D.

Jan. 25, '58. }